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FORCE COMMANDER'S FAREWELL VISITS

UNMISSET Peacekeeping Force Commander, Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul, will make his final visit to United Nations troops serving in the western districts of East Timor over the next two days.

Lieutenant General Phattiyakul will fly home to Thailand on 31st August ending his twelve-month mission as Force Commander.

As part of his farewell agenda, Lieutenant General Phattiyakul, will visit contingents serving in Oecussi and Sector West, including The Republic of Korea Battalion, the Australian and New Zealand Battalions, Japan Engineer Group, the Fijian and Nepalese Companies and the Singapore and Irish Platoons.

New Force Commander, Major General Tan Huck Gim, of the Singapore Armed Forces, will arrive in East Timor on the 24th August with an official hand over ceremony to be held at the Peacekeeping Force Headquarters on 30th August.

DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER VISIT USS GEORGE PHILIP

Deputy Force Commander of the Peacekeeping Force, Brigadier Justin Kelly, and key staff of the Peacekeeping Force, including the commander of Portuguese Battalion visited FFG – 12, USS George Philip, yesterday.

The visit included familiarization tour of the ship.

The visit tour reflected on the closed relationship between PKF and USGET.

USS George Philip commanded by Commander Christopher Wall (USN), berth outside Port Hera, Dili, East Timor as part of The United State Support Group East Timor (USGET) civil military affair operation.

